

## National Annual Safety Awards Presented

### *Director's Employee Safety Achievement Award*



Grand Canyon's Structural Maintenance Team (South Rim) was presented the Director's Employee Safety Achievement Award for 2001. Jerry Belson, Southeast Regional Director, presented the award on behalf of Director Mainella. Pablo Garza, Team Leader and John Beshears, Chief of Maintenance received the award for the 13 Structural Maintenance Team Members. Major achievements by the team included increasing managerial and employee commitment to safety by providing education and on-the-job training, posting instructional safety guides at the location of each piece of equipment identifying the proper gear, operational procedures and a list of the employees who are permitted to operate equipment.

The team provides painting, carpentry, masonry, and roofing services for 1,217,403 acres and 277 river miles and went for 913 days without an accident, this is a significant and noteworthy accomplishment considering that 300 employees reside at the South Rim. The no loss-time injuries were due primarily to the Structural Team's approach to job safety.

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### **2001 Andrew Clark Hecht Memorial Public Safety Achievement Award**

The recipient of the Andrew Clark Hecht Memorial Public Safety Achievement Award was Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, excepted by Supt. Kitty Roberts, for collaborate efforts with the U.S. Coast Guard in successfully getting the Coast Guard to issue mandatory recall notices to boat manufacturers within 6 months that ordinarily could take up to 3 years. Glen Canyon Staff was also instrumental in assisting in the redesign of houseboat exhaust systems to reduce the potential for carbon monoxide poisonings.

Through Supt. Kitty Robert's leadership and exceptional work by her employees in obtaining congressional support in passing legislation to require higher safety standards for houseboat and generator manufacturers, resulted in the saving of six lives.

